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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN VIEWS ON SECURITY COUNCIL

1. ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR CORNELIU BOGDAN CALLED ON IO ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY BLAKE FEBRUARY 3 TO REQUEST US SUPPORT FOR ROMANIAN CANDIDACY FOR UN SECURITY COUNCIL IN 1976 AND TO DISCUSS FUTURE ROLE AND FUNCTION OF SECURITY COUNCIL. BOGDAN SAID ROMANIA HAD EE GROUP'S ENDORSEMENT FOR SC SEAT. AMBASSADOR BLAKE SAID US WOULD SUPPORT ROMANIA AS EE CHOICE FOR SEAT ON SECURITY COUNCIL.

2. IN DISCUSSION OF SC ROLE, AMBASSADOR BOGDAN INQUIRED WHETHER US REVIEW OF UN OPERATIONS HAD RESULTED IN ANY NEW THOUGHTS ON ROLE OF SC. BOGDAN MENTIONED THAT SOMETIMES SC APPEARED MERELY TO FORMALIZE ARRANGEMENTS WHICH HAD ALREADY BEEN AGREED UPON OUTSIDE OF SECURITY COUNCIL. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT ROMANIA WAS VERY INTERESTED IN IMPROVING THE OPERATIONS OF SECURITY COUNCIL, AND INFORMALLY SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS SC COULD PLAY ROLE IN CONCILIATION
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OR MEDIATION BEFORE CRISES ERUPTED RATHER THAN HAVING TO

COPE WITH THE SITUATION AFTER THE FACT. AMBASSADOR BLAKE
INDICATED THAT US IS GENERALLY SATISFIED WITH PROCEDURES
OF SECURITY COUNCIL. HE SAID THAT US IS WORKING THROUGH
COMMITTEE OF 33 TO DEFINE BETTER THE PEACEKEEPING FUNCTIONS
OF THE SC, AND WE HAVE HOPES FOR AGREEMENT ON WHAT WE
CONSIDER IMPROVEMENTS. KISSINGER

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